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THEY SEE THE FINISH

Colombia on the Verge of a Crisis.

If they Don't Try to Fight the United States They Will Fight Each Other.

AMERICAN SHIP CHARTERED

Bogota, January 11.—It is impossible for one not here to understand that the situation is now critical. The national life is at stake. War, or the disruption of the Colombian republic will follow the refusal of the United States to give some satisfaction for the conditions she is permitting on the isthmus. Troops are now in readiness in the Cauca and Bolivar departments to rush upon Panama when the word is given. That they want war is beyond argument, and if war does not follow an unsatisfactory reply from the United States internal dissensions will absolutely rend Colombia to the verge of ruin. As high authority as President Marroquin says: "The people of Colombia still hope that actual conflict may be averted, through Democratic intervention in the Senate. Personally, I count on the assistance of the Democratic party and the great American people to save the sacred rights of Colombia which have been so scandalously wounded."

News received from Cartagena is to the effect that the authorities there are much concerned as to the integrity of the islands of San Andreas and Providence, lying north of Colon, it being known that the sympathy of their inhabitants is more in favor of Panama than Colombia.

The Nova Scotia schooner Atrato arrived from Cartagena. The captain says that the authorities at Cartagena were eager to charter the Atrato to convey troops, ammunition and cattle to San Andreas, and offered him \$2000 for the use of his vessel, which he declined. The captain says that the officials at Cartagena subsequently chartered the American three-masted ship James Slater, which was getting ready to sail to the islands when the Atrato left.

FIREMAN'S ESCAPE

Fell From His Train as it Passed Over Trestle.

A Number of Ribs Broken, but Injuries are Not Serious.

TRAIN GOING THIRTY MILES

Fireman J. H. Hageard, of the city, passed through an exciting experience last night at Little Cypress, on the Louisville division of the L. C. and escaped instant death miraculously.

Hageard was on a freight engine and standing in the passage way between the cab and tender when the Little Cypress trestle was reached. The engineer turned on his air to slow down, and so sudden was the stop that Hageard was thrown forward and out of the cab. He fell a distance of about 20 feet to the ground and in alighting fell on his side in such a manner as to break several ribs. He is badly bruised up, but not seriously hurt.

He was picked up and taken to the railroad hospital here, where the injuries were dressed. The engine was going at the rate of 30 miles an hour when he fell out.

O. C. Fairleigh deeds to T. J. Reid power of attorney.

THE U. S. BUILDING

Loeser Bankruptcy Case to be Completed the 14th.

There Will Be An Investigation in the Star Route Cases at Washington.

OTHER FEDERAL NOTES HERE

From present indications the Julius Loeser bankruptcy case will go to the court incomplete.

The case was taken up for the last time on December 28, and after the attorneys had consumed two days in hearing evidence, asked for further time in which they would take more proof. The request was granted but so far no attempt at taking any further proof has been made, as far as Referee Bagby knows.

"This case will go to the court on the 14th," Mr. Bagby stated, "and if all the evidence is not in by that time, I will be compelled to certify the evidence to Judge Evans in its present form, which may or may not be complete."

The Loeser case has attracted much attention and the outcome will be watched with interest. Loeser left Paducah with the proceeds of the sale of his business here, he claims, and was en route to St. Louis to settle with creditors when he claims to have been drugged and robbed of about \$2,200.

There is to be a general shaking up of the contract system in connection with the star route mail system. The second assistant postmaster-general is being flooded with appeals for relief from local subcontractors in various parts of the country. Some time ago an effort was made to bring up the "star route trust," located in Washington, which practically controlled the star route service of the country. Washington contractors secured the contracts and then sublet them to local carriers at a reduced rate, thus enabling the original contract to make a handsome "rake off" at the expense of the local carrier.

The law now provides that the star route contractors shall reside in the states in which the contracts are let. The crafty contractors who have been in the business for many years have managed in many instances to get around the law and continue the business of subletting mail contracts. It appears that the subcontractors who are not familiar with the law are held responsible for certain omissions or unintentional violations of his contract, and are fined so heavily by the original contractors as to deprive the subcontractors of any return for their labor.

It was the bringing of this class of disputes to the attention of the postmaster-general which caused an investigation to be instituted. A number of Southern and Western congressmen have made complaints to the department in the interest of constituents who had been victims of the original contractors. Some interesting disclosures in connection with the various methods employed to evade the law are expected. There is only one star route now out of Paducah, and bids for it were forwarded a few days ago to Washington, and it is expected the contract will be let in a few days.

The report of the bankruptcies for Kentucky during the year ending September 30 last is as follows:

Voluntary petitions filed, 316; involuntary petitions, 52.

Since the passage of the bankruptcy act in Kentucky there have been filed 2,408 voluntary and 199 involuntary petitions.

The summary of the referee's reports in Kentucky voluntary bankruptcy cases is as follows:

Total net assets realized, \$118,071; total liabilities, \$972,407.

The Kentucky voluntary bankrupts were of the following professions: Farmers, 67; wage earners, ninety; merchants, 76; professional men, 21.

PASSES BEYOND

Gov. John Young Brown Died This Morning at 9 O'clock.

Former Governor of Unusual Brilliance and Power Succumbs to Long Illness.

A DEATH GREATLY DEPLORED

Henderson, Ky., Jan. 11.—Former Governor John Young Brown died this morning at 9 o'clock at his home here from a complication of diseases, after many months of suffering. His condition became very critical several days ago, and death, while it has aroused general sorrow, was not unexpected.

Gov. Brown was one of the most beloved and one of the brainiest men in Kentucky. His health began failing a year or more ago. He was still an active practitioner, however, and his last appearance in court was about three months ago in a big tobacco case, when he was allowed to sit and address the jury. His mind was clear and his eloquence had lost little of its power.

Several operations were performed at various times with a hope of prolonging his life, but he gradually grew weaker, and began dying Saturday.

Ten years ago Gov. Brown retired as chief executive, leaving behind him one of the best records in the state's history. He lived in Louisville for a time and then returned to his former home, Henderson, but did not enter politics until a few years ago when during those times of political bitterness and party disruption he refused to see his party betrayed, and boldly, in the spirit that was ever that of John Young Brown, came out for what he believed was right, regardless of consequences, and made the race for Governor as a sound money Democrat.

The deceased leaves a wife and two daughters, Mrs. T. W. O. Humphreys, Jr., and Mrs. Rodman, of Louisville, and Dr. John Young, Brown, of St. Louis, all of whom were at his bedside when the end came.

Of the involuntary Kentucky bankrupts 28 were merchants.

The extension of the rural delivery has resulted in the discontinuance of a great number of postoffices in Kentucky. The entire number now abandoned is 120. Some of the postoffices that have lost their identity and had euphonic, or peculiar names, are the following: Delia, Cairo, Canary, Ep. Figg, Hikes, Judy, Goose Creek, Ula, Stringtown, Ossyill and Long Lick.

Mr. Harry Kellar, engineer at the government building has returned from Lovelaceville, where he was called by the illness of his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Kellar. Mrs. Kellar is slightly better.

MRS. SANDERS WORSE.

Information has been received here that Mrs. David Sanders who went with her husband to Biloxi, Miss., for her health was not so well, and will go to some other point, possibly in the west. The climate of Biloxi has proven too damp for her.

Mr. Brack Owen went to Carbondale, Ky., today on business.

THE MARKETS.

WHEAT	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE
May	86 1/2	85 1/2	86 1/2
July	84 1/2	83 1/2	84 1/2
CORN			
May	47 1/2	46 1/2	47 1/2
July	45 1/2	44 1/2	45 1/2
OATS			
May	39 1/2	38 1/2	39 1/2
July	37 1/2	36 1/2	37 1/2
COTTON			
Jan	13 5/8	13 3/8	13 5/8
Mar	13 1/2	13 1/8	13 1/2
May	14 7/8	13 7/8	14 04
July	14 1/2	13 9/8	14 13
Aug	13 5/8	13 1/4	13 52
STOCKS			
L. C.	134	130 1/2	134 1/2
L. & N.	108 1/2	107 1/2	108 1/2
Mo. P.	93 1/2	92 1/2	93 1/2
U. S.	101 1/2	100 1/2	101 1/2
U. S. P.	57 1/2	56 1/2	57 1/2

PASTOR RESIGNED

Rev. Dr. Sykes Tenders Resignation at Grace Church.

Evangelist Ham Began a Revival at the First Baptist Church Yesterday.

ITEMS OF CHURCH INTEREST

At the morning service at Grace Episcopal church yesterday the pastor, Rev. John W. Sykes, D. D., announced that he had placed his resignation as rector, in the hands of the vestry to be accepted by them at Easter, if it was so desired.

A press telegram received today said that Dr. Sykes had received a call to Springfield, Ohio. When seen Dr. Sykes said that he had made no plans for the future and had not decided where he would go. He had nothing to say about the Springfield call. Since the resignation has not yet been accepted by the vestry, no steps have been taken to call a new rector.

Dr. Sykes came to Grace church a year ago from Pittsburgh, Pa. He is one of the most cultured and scholarly ministers who has ever occupied the pulpit of a Paducah church, and many people will regret his contemplated departure from Paducah.

The Epworth League of the Broadway Methodist church had services at this church last night in place of the regular preaching services, in celebration of rally day in the league. Three addresses were delivered, one by Prof. E. Charles Payne on the "Purpose of the League," another by Dr. Vernon Blythe on "Relation of Young People to the Church," and the third by Mr. Alben Barkley, on "How Can Young People Be Interested in Religious Matters." All were excellent efforts. A special musical program of unusual sweetness was rendered by a choir assisted by Deal's orchestra.

The pastor, Rev. T. J. Newell, preached a special sermon Sunday morning to Sunday officers, teachers and pupils.

Rev. M. F. Ham, an evangelist of Bowling Green, began a series of revival services at the First Baptist church yesterday. He preached morning and evening to large congregations, and all who heard him were very much pleased with him. Mr. Ham is also a singer and rendered several solos.

The music is furnished by a choir of 25 voices led by Mrs. Ham, wife of the evangelist. The meeting has been started with excellent prospects of success. Services will be held each day at 8 o'clock in the afternoon and 7:30 at night.

The Ministerial Association met this morning in the pastor's study at the First Baptist church. The committee appointed to have church directories printed for the hotels, presented them for approval and distribution.

Rev. George O. Bachman, of the First Cumberland Presbyterian church delivered a fine address to a young men's meeting at the Young Men's Christian association yesterday afternoon on "Is the Young Man Safe."

A Young People's union was organized yesterday at the Second Baptist church. There are 28 members. Mr. N. H. Vaughan was elected president. Meetings will be held Sunday evening at 6:30 o'clock.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Third street Methodist church will have a candy social at the league parlors of the church Tuesday evening, January 19.

The Junior Christian Endeavor society of the First Cumberland Presbyterian church will have a social at the church Friday evening.

The official board of the Broadway Methodist church will meet tonight at the church.

Mr. Lee Folz went to Jackson, Tenn., this morning on business.

STILL MUCH TALK

About the Russia and Japanese War.

But There Is As Yet Nothing But the Same Old Reports.

COLOMBIAN TROOPS MARCH

Rome, January 11.—A dispatch from the Semaphore station at Sardinia stated that he recently purchased Japanese cruisers Nishin and Kasaga, while passing the Sardinian coast, were being followed by two Russian warships.

Genoa, Jan. 11.—The Japanese cruisers Nishin and Kasaga, formerly the Rvadavia and Moreno, which were sold to Japan by the Argentine republic, sailed from here for the Suez Canal.

Pekin, Jan. 11.—No reliable news has been received here in regard to the tenor of the Russian answer to the Japanese note. The British and American legations profess to be without information on the subject.

Reports that Japan is making preparations for war on an extensive scale continue to be received here.

Panama, Jan. 11.—Captain English of the "cruiser Amphion," visited the government headquarters here and brought a report that Colombian troops are marching toward the isthmus.

An expedition of 500 men, which was landed at Culebra, on the Atlantic coast, about 80 miles from Colon, have been captured by Panama soldiers. It is supposed it was their intention to march inland and start guerilla warfare in the interior.

The cruisers New York and Petrel have arrived at Panama.

HE TOOK POISON

Suicide of a Fulton Young Man Last Night.

Had Consumption—Congressman Ollie James Names Mayfield Boy for Cadet.

THE TOBACCO EXCHANGE

Fulton, Ky., Jan. 11.—Charles Arthur Hubble, a young man 28 years old, committed suicide last night by taking carbolic acid. He is supposed to have had consumption and killed himself because of ill health. He was born and raised here.

MAYFIELD BOY HONORED.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 11.—Representative Ollie James, of the First Kentucky has sent the appointment of J. Gayle Robbins, of Mayfield, as Cadet at Annapolis to the secretary of the navy. Representative James has been notified that the prosecution against George Sanders, of Mayfield, accused of forgery in a pension matter, has been suspended indefinitely by the government.

THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES.

Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 11.—The committees were announced today: Captain W. O. Clark, of Paducah, is on that of municipalities, revenue and taxation, state capitol, county and city courts; Senator J. Wheeler Campbell is on those of appropriations, charitable institutions, criminal law, executive affairs and is chairman of that of insurance and investment companies, judiciary, Kentucky statutes, military affairs, municipalities, public health, suffrage and elections.

Louisville, Ky., Jan. 11.—The Louisville Leaf tobacco exchange today

ARE WED 49 YEARS

This is the Anniversary of Capt. and Mrs. J. H. Fowler.

Captain Fowler Discourses Briefly But Interestingly on the Change in Times.

AND THE CUSTOMS TODAY

Captain Joe Fowler is one of the few citizens who fully appreciate the difference between the present time and 49 years ago. Today is the anniversary—the 49th—of his marriage. The ceremony was performed at Smith land, Ky., and was a very elaborate affair, and strictly in keeping with that time, although Captain Fowler himself admits it would appear somewhat out of date to the present generation.

"You see," explained Captain Fowler today, "I'll never forget my wedding day. I worked on the wharfbat at Smithland then. I came to Paducah some times, and then returned to Smithland—whichever Watts, Given & Co., for whom I worked, preferred. At noon on my wedding day, 49 years ago, I quit work. There was a colored barber at Smithland who fixed young fellows up when they married, and I was told the proper thing to do was to turn myself over to him. This belief he shared, and although if I had known as much before as I did when he got through with me, I should have never submitted.

"We didn't have any bath tubs in those days in Smithland, and neither was there any of this perfumed soap you see nowadays. We used a common wash tub and lye soap—lye soap mixed with meal bran. When meal was sifted they saved the bran and put it into the soap. That is, they did all this in Smithland.

"So it was in a common wash tub that this colored factotum operated on me, and it was a steamboat brush and common lye soap that he used on me. I was over six feet tall, but was very thin. Therefore when that fellow got through with me I was as red as a lobster, and in places where my skin fitted pretty tight over my bones, he thoughtlessly took skin and all. I didn't miss it, however, until I put on my clothes. That's the reason my wedding day will always remain green in my memory as a very uncomfortable affair.

"That evening we had the wedding. It was quite a swell affair, and six people stood up with us. It took place at the home of my brother-in-law, and the next night we had at my own home an 'infair.' They don't have them 'infairs' these days, but they had to come 49 years ago, and mine was one to be long remembered.

"I guess such ways wouldn't suit the folks who have grown up in late years," sighed Captain Joe, "but they will always have a tender place in the hearts of us old people. I go back now and think with a great deal of pleasure of those happy days—and yet I'm not so old," declared the captain.

It is somewhat pathetic to realize that Captain Fowler is the last of his family and his wife is the last of hers. Forty-nine years ago today, when they were married, she had a mother and six brothers, and he had a father and four brothers. Today not one, including the six attendants at the wedding, is alive.

Captain and Mrs. Fowler will not formally celebrate the anniversary this year, but with their family and friends look forward with a great deal of pleasure to the golden wedding next year, if both are spared and enjoy their present good health, which everybody in Paducah hopes they will do.

electd these officers: Edward O'Brien re-elected president, unanimously; W. O. Head, first vice president; Allison P. Graves, second vice president and Robert G. Green, secretary.

Claim Agent John O. Gates, of Princeton, Ky., was in the city today.